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Recent News

The OEIG is pleased to announce the following addition to its staff:

- **Alexa Elam** will begin as an Administrative Assistant in the Springfield Division, effective April 20, 2015.

Governor Bruce Rauner Names Thomas Klein As Acting Executive Inspector General



On April 16, 2015, Governor Bruce Rauner named Thomas Klein to serve as Acting Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor.

Mr. Klein will serve until a permanent candidate is selected to complete outgoing EIG Ricardo Meza's term, which ends June 30, 2018.

The OEIG is an independent agency charged with ensuring accountability in state agencies under the Governor, in the nine state public universities and in the four Chicago-area regional transit boards.

Mr. Klein currently serves as the OEIG's Chief of the Springfield Division, a post he has held since January 2015. This is Mr. Klein's second stint working for the OEIG. Previously he served as an Assistant Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General. Mr. Klein has also served as General Counsel of the Capital Development Board and as a Supervising Attorney in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. He began his legal career with Jenner & Block.

It is an honor to be asked to serve as Acting Executive Inspector General, and I will do everything I can to maintain the high quality of work done by the agency.

-Thomas Klein

Mr. Klein has represented the State of Illinois in multiple jury trials in both state and federal court, as well as in administrative proceedings. A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Mr. Klein and his wife have two children.

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Executive Inspector General Ricardo Meza Resigns

On March 25, 2015, Ricardo Meza informed Governor Rauner of his intent to resign as Executive Inspector General effective April 18, 2015. In his resignation letter, Mr. Meza, who has served as EIG for nearly five years, and who previously served as a federal prosecutor and as head of the Chicago office of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, noted that he intended to proceed to the next chapter of his career.

It's been a privilege to serve Illinois citizens as EIG and I'm very proud of the many accomplishments my staff and I have achieved. My departure is made easier because I know the OEIG's mission will continue through its dedicated staff.

-Ricardo Meza

Mr. Meza will join the Chicago law office of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, effective April 20, 2015.

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Calendar of Events: April 21, 2015: Investigator Cantrell will attend training at the Chicago Bar Association. April 22, 2015: HR Director Cook and Administrative Assistant Contreras will attend a seminar on benefit choices. April 28 – May 8, 2015: Investigators Allen and Giacobbe will attend FLETC training in Glynnco, Georgia. Please contact David Morrison at david.morrison@illinois.gov or the sender of this newsletter if you wish to unsubscribe.